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SUBJECT: SENATE ELECTION IN LONG AN

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA AUG 22, 1973  
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 431

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SUBJECT: SENATE ELECTION IN LONG AN

1. LOCAL BOYS ON SLATE 2 (LE SI CA AND LE TAI QUAC) ARE STIRRING SOME INTEREST AMONG BASICALLY INDIFFERENT LONG AN RESIDENTS IN UPCOMING UPPER HOUSE ELECTION. PROVINCE OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT OF MEETING 90 PCNT VOTER TURNOUT GOAL AND OF VICTORY FOR SLATES 1 AND 2.
  2. HAMLET CHIEFS ARE TELLING RESIDENTS TO VOTE FOR SLATES 1 AND 2 AS THEY PASS OUT VOTER CARDS.
  2. AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CHIEF IS LEADING A SPIRITED PROVINCE-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR SLATE 3. HIS CADRE ARE GOING HAMLET-TO-HAMLET URGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT SLATE 3. SLATE 4 IS UNREPRESENTED, ALTHOUGH ITS POSTERS ARE IN EVIDENCE IN LIMITED NUMBERS.
  3. COMMUNISTS APPEAR UNINTERESTED IN THE ELECTION, BUT ARE
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REPORTEDLY TELLING PEOPLE TO TEAR UP BALLOTS BEFORE VOTING.

REMOTE AREAS FEAR MINOR COMMUNIST DISRUPTION ATTEMPTS ON ELECTION DAY.

4. KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS WHTH WHOM CONSUL SPOKE PREDICT HEAVY VOTER TURNOUT AND VICTORY FOR SALTES 1 AND 2. STONG SHOWING FOR SLATE 3 REMAINS A POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, IF DILIGENCE OF AGRICULTURAL CHIEF PAYS OFF IN TERMS OF VOTES.

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